(c) whether the Government propose to supply a clock and chairs to that court at an early date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes

(b) The District Magistrate had requested for certain pieces of furniture.

(c) The chairs and clock now in use have been ordered to be repaired. The question of supplying new chairs and clock will be considered at the time of the next budget.

Representations to remove toddy shops in Mattancheri.

435. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any representations (either in person or in writing) from the public of Mattancheri requesting the Government to remove the toddy and country liquor shops from the Municipal limits of Mattancheri;

(b) what steps have so far been taken to meet the requests;

(c) if no steps have yet been taken, whether the Government intend taking any and when?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government have considered the request and had decided that they cannot do anything further without knowing the result of the experiment at Nemmara.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know when this experiment was taken?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Beginning of this year.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—In what shape?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Total prohibition.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether on account of that experiment there was any increase in the revenue of the Government?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It resulted in a loss of 15 thousand rupees.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was foreign liquor also included in it?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know the result of the Nemmara experiment? Has prohibition gone down?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I cannot say one way or the other.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Whether the Government has made any arrangement to see that this experiment has some effect?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—All possible arrangements are made to make it a success.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Does the Government take steps to see that the people do not go outside to the British territory to drink?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No, we have no power.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Then I think it will be a failure.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Certainly.

Questions not answered in the Legislative Council.

436. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of all allowed questions that have not been answered from the beginning of the Third Cochin Legislative Council?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The time and labour involved in collecting the information are, in the opinion of the Government, incommensurate with the benefit to be derived from it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, for placing a mere copy of the questions, where is the trouble of so much labour and time?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—All the Proceedings of the last 3 years have to be looked into to see which are the questions admitted and which are answered. That involves time and labour.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have not the Government appreciated the constitutional importance of the question? In view of the fact that this Council is considered to be a mere ornamental farce, have they realised the importance of the constitutional aspect of the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer does not deny it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether registers are kept regarding the questions admitted?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No register is kept. We keep the originals and the admitted questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not possible for the Government to keep a register of questions received, admitted and answered?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It is not considered necessary. All the originals will be kept here and also the admitted questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it so very difficult to find out these figures for the last three years? We have not gone more than three years.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The question was received very late and the time at our disposal was very short.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that the major portion of the questions received has been answered in the Council?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes.

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